

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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RELEASE OF FUNDS UNDER SARVA SHIKSHA ABHIYAN

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether there is a delay in the release of installments of funds under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan to the States;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) Whether the late release of installment has hampered the implementation of SSA; and
- (d) If so, the efforts being made by Government to release the installment of SSA in time?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a) to (d): Under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) an ad-hoc installment of Government of India (GoI) share is released to States/Union Territories (UTs) at the beginning of each financial year. Thereafter once the size of the Annual Work Plan & Budget for SSA of each State/UT has been decided, GoI releases the balance funds towards 50% of its total share due to the State/UT for the year. During the course of the year, after the State/UT has expended at least 50% of funds and made available the State share of the funds due, GoI releases the next and final instalment to the State/UT concerned. The furnishing of due utilization certificates by State/UTs, is also taken into regard by GoI. In the year 2007-08 due to revision of Centre-State funding pattern in SSA, in September 2007, GoI releases had to be adjusted as per the new pattern.